



OSSE Scholars Summer Enrichment Program Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

High school students currently in their sophomore or junior year for the 2012-2013 school year, who are residents of the District of Columbia, citizens of the United States and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Please note, this is a need-based program and as such you may be asked to demonstrate income requirements in order to qualify. OSSE also reviews student academics, community involvement, maturity level and commitment to the university program and higher education.

How do I apply?

The 2012-2013 application has closed.

If my GPA is lower than a 3.0, can I still apply?

If your GPA is lower than 3.0, you may still apply. OSSE will review your application based on GPA, extracurricular activities and level of difficulty of classes. However, we strongly suggest you wait an additional year and apply once you are able to bring your GPA above 3.0.

Can I start the program late or end early?

No. You should select a program based on your summer schedule and be able to commit to the duration of the program.

How many programs/universities may I select?

You may select up to three programs. However you will only be accepted into and attend one program.

If I was selected and attended a program on behalf of OSSE during the summer of 2012, am I eligible to participate in 2013?

Yes. However OSSE will give preferential treatment to new students who have not previously attended summer academic programs through a scholarship from OSSE.

I submitted my application, what's next?

OSSE will review applications between October 1, 2012 and November 15, 2012 and will be in touch to schedule an interview with you if selected. After all interviews are complete, OSSE will notify students by December 1st and if selected, you will need to apply to the university program immediately. OSSE will provide detailed instructions on how to complete the university application at this time.





If I am selected for a scholarship, does that mean I am automatically accepted into the university program I selected?

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you still need to apply to the university program. However, OSSE has partnered with the university directly and will be providing you a recommendation for the program. During the summer of 2012, OSSE recommended 15 students and all 15 were selected by the partner universities.

I have additional questions that were not answered here; can I contact someone for more details?

Please contact Melissa McKnight at (202)741-6413 or melissa.mcknight@dc.gov.

